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SCHOOL ELECTION IN THE TOWNSHIP COMING FRIDAY

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Next Friday is school election day. Besides the various trustees to be elected in the elementary school district's two high school trustees are to be elected. The terms of A.T. Biddle and Henry May expire. So far no very strenuous contests seem to be in evidence anywhere in the township.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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The automobile race between the Sunday School classes is over. Mrs. Courtney's class crossed the wire with a total of 1040 Miles, more than 30 miles ahead of the second class led by Mr. Gill. Mr. Jones' class did not cross the wire but was a close third A social is to be given in the near future in honor of the winners.

Special services will be held both mornng and evening on Easter Sunday, with special music both times.

Next Sunday morning the regular communion service will be observed following the pastor's sermon on "Jesus Christ, the Victim of the Mob". In the evening a condensed acount of the Passion week will be given by Mr. Gill.

The Natives of Niles Parlor No. 250 are giving a social dance April 21st in Connor's Hall, Niles. Quite a number of people is expected to be on hand. The committee in charge includes: Lee Stivers, Geo. Bonde, Ben Murphy, and Jack Alberg of Niles; W. W. Hirsch of Irvington, and J. E. Rogers of Mission San Jose.

George Rose has had the work begun on his new building in Niles, opposite the postoffice. Mr. Rose is to have an ice cream and candy parlor and a tea garden and dancing floor, and the place will undoubtedly prove an attraction for Niles.

AT THE CHURCHES

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Niles, California

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HARLEY H. GILL, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church services, 11:00 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

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ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CENTERVILLE

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REV. F. C. MURGOTTEN, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Kindergarten, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
First Sunday of the month, evening service, 7:45 p. m.

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CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

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Niles, California
Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

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HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Centerville, California
Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst, pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday — Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School.
8 p. m. Preaching Services.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Newark, California
James Curry, D.D., Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting 7 p. m. Sabbath School 9:45 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Ladies Aid first and third Wedensday afternoon each month, Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 p. m.

Social Events

By MRS. E. P. MAYHEW

The Ladies Guild held its regular meting last Wednesday afternoon in the Congregational church parlors. Twenty-four ladies were present, Mrs. Hatch, president, called the meeting to order at 4 o'clock. Following the report of the secretary andtreasurer the members discussed plans for a gaend party to be given the first Saturday in May. Also the subject of an Easter offering to be applied on the church debt. Seventy-five dollars from the Guild funds were voted to be applied. The appointment of the garden party to be given the first Satby the president at the next meeting. Mrs. White, Mrs. Hyatt and Mrs. King of Niles, Mrs. McCarthy and daughter Miss Helen McCarthy of Alvarado; were visitors for the afternoon. Mrs. Clough and Mrs. Ford entertained, serving sandwiches, cakes and coffee before adjournment.

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The Niles Bridge Club met on Tuesday last with Mrs. J. E. Jacobus. All of the twelve members were present Miss DeCora being welcomed back from her visit to the Sandwich Islands. After a social hour spent in the enjoyment of luncheon, cards followed until four o'clock. Mrs. B. L. Tyson and Mrs. Hilda Meyer scored highest at play. Mrs R. O. Meyer will be the next hostess.

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The "Toyon Branch" of the Oakland Baby Hospital, met as a Sewing Club for work last Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. W. H. Ford. Mrs. Howard Plummer is president of the Club. Other membrs present on Tuesday were Mesdames Ford, Clough, Shinn, Hunt, Kirke, and Eberly of Niles; Mrs. L S Anderson, Miss Ethel Anderson, Irvington; the Mises Gallagos of Mission San Jose. Mrs. Kelly and Miss Benson of San Jose came as visitors with Mrs. Eberly. Tea and cakes were served b ythe hostess before adjournment. The next meeting wil lbe held in two weeks with Mrs. W. B. Kirke.

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The Neighborhood Whist Club met last week Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Craft The Club numbers twelve members nearly all living in close proximity on the "south side". Prizes are given each evening, Mr. Overacker being the star winner. On Wednesday evening the first prizes were awarded to Mrs. E. B. Tyson, stationery; and Mr. Overacker a stock of lead pencils. The Consolation prize was received by Mr. Craft, a box of new potatoes and by Mrs. Clarence Martenstein a rope necklace of small brown onions. The next meting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Overacker.

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The 16th of March being the birthday of Mrs. J. E. Jacobus a number of her lady friends were entertained in honor of the day and also of St. Patrick's, the following day. The guests were all requested to dress in children's costume and all wore something green in color for St. Patrick. Luncheon was served to the merry company and the game of "500" pased away the afternoon hours. The hostess was the recipient of many remembrance gifts from her friends. Those present were Mrs. Rhul of San Jose, Mrs. W. Scribner and Mrs. Percy Jacobus of Sunol, Mrs. E. Dyer and Mrs. Hurley of Oakland, Mesdames C. B. Overacker, E. B. Tyson, C H Hatch, C. Fournier, I. Easterday and B. L. Tyson, Niles.

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The Country Club meeting for April will be held next Tuesday, April 3rd, in the Centerville Club House Election of officers for the coming year will be held.

FARM ADVISER TALKS TO IRVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Last Tuesday the Farm Adviser spent the day in and about Irvington looking over the cover crop demonstrations and attendig to farm calls. In the afternoon as usual when in that section he addressed the students of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades of the Irvington Gramar school. The subject discussed was "Plant Propagation". The youngsters of that school are greatly interested in the agricultural talks given by the farm adviser.

Mr. W. O. Davies, principal of the Grammar School, stated that the children are getting a good deal out of these discussions, and as a result are showing a greater interest in their school work.

MEETING OF THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOR APRIL

Hayward, Monday, April 2nd, Mt. Eden, 8 p.m.; Altamont, Saturday, April 7th, Altamont, 2 p.m.; Livermore, Monday, April 9th, Livermore, 8 p.m.; Hayward Heath, Wednesday, April 11th, Hayward Heath, 8 p.m.; Castro Valley, Friday, April 13th, Castro Valley, 8 p.m.; Irvington, Tuesday, April 17th, Irvington, 8 p.m.; Pleasanton, Thursday, April 19th, Pleasanton, 8 p.m.; Centerville, Friday, April 20th, Centerville, 8 p.m.; Newark, Monday, April 23rd, Newark, 8 p.m.; Niles, Wednesday, April 25th, Niles, 8 p.m.

IRVINGTON FARM BUREAU

Tuesday night the farm adviser met with the Irvington Center of the Farm bueau. This meeting was well attended and considerable interest manifested.

Mr. Wm. Trenouth, director ofthat center presided, W. O. Davies was appointed secretary.

Farm Adviser M. Lee gave a report of the director's meeting, laying particular stress upon the Annual Meeting of the Alameda County Farm Bureau which will be held at the Water Temple at Sunol, Saturday, May 5th.

Mr. Trenouth called for discussion by the members of the following topics:

1. The Prune and Apricot Growers Association.
2. Aphis on Fruit Trees.
3. Seed potatoes; preparation for planting, treatment of scab.
4. How can Cutworms be best controlled?
5. Should the dairymen of this center organize a co wtesting association?
6. Discussion of Poultry problems.
7. How can mildew on Grapes be best controlled?
8. Septic tanks.
9. Building of Farmers' Telephone lines.

As a result of the farm advisers agitation there will be two septic tanks built in Irvington immediately. As a result of the discussion of No. 9 a committee has been appointed to take up the matter of telephone servic for farmrs. Wm. Trenouth and M. V. Perry were appointed. A Topic and Program Committee was then appointed. Those appointed were J. Overacker, Dr. H. Durham, Thos. Witherly, and M. V. Perry.

Mr Henry May, of Oecoto, gave an entertaining account of his trip thru the state as a member of the California Farm Bureau Conference. He reported great work being done in the Northern Counties by the Farm Bureau.

NEWARK FARM BUREAU CENTER MEETING

Monday night a live little meeting of the Newark Farm Bureau Center was held in the office of the Newark Realty and Development Company.

Director W. C. Graham gave a short talk on the California Farm Bureau Conference bringing out the prominent work of the farm bureau in the counties visited.

The farm adviser gave a short report of the last directors' meeting.

The following topics were discussed by the members.

1. Blackleg and its control.
2. Should the dairyman of this center organize a cow testing association?
3. Control of Poultry Diseases.
4. Farm Loan Association.
5. What demonstrations should be held in our center the coming year?
6. Septic tanks.
7. Has the silo a prace on the farm in this section?

Under No. 2 the farm adviser brot out the fact that there are 400 cows signed up in this county, for the formation of a "Cow Testing Association".

Under No. 6, as a result of this discussion there will probably be two septic tanks built in Newark in the near future.

Under No.7, Mr. Arthur Haley, who has been using two concrete silos during the past year, convinced Mr. J. C. Burchardi, as to the profits from the silo. Mr. Haley's convincing shot was "I dont' know what I would have done for feed during the past winter when prices were so high, had it not been for the silo."

Appreciation

We cannot say that our efforts have not met with appreciation and the proper response. In all the buffets and scorns of the past ten years we have learned to know what true friendship and personal loyalty means. The real test comes when the crowd looks upon you as a loser and a failure, when your enemies are trying to crucify you and those for whom you have sacrificed hold aloof, when disaster stares you in the face and the end seems at hand, when every one else has tired of of you and your fight, and would be glad to get rid of you, what a recompense it is to know that there are just one or two people who understand and trust you and are willing to stand by you. To meet such a response makes you have faith that in the end the only thing that really is worth while in this world is to deserve the confidence of men who can see and think straight and are intellectually honest and courageous.. A few such we have known. It has been a rare privilege and without their timely co-operation when the hours were darkest we should have failed even in the beginning of the fight years ago. Our faith in integrity and its recompense has been deepened, not shattered, and we still brand as a lie the old crooked saying —"Every man has his price". There are some men who can not be bulled or bought and we have known a few. To have had their confidence and approval counterbalances ll the hardship. The latter we will forget; the former we will always cherish..

FARM BUREAU MEETING AT CENTERVILLE

On last Friday night the largest meeting of thsi year of the Centerville center was held at the Stevenson Building. Th following topics were discussed.

1. The status of the Prune and Apricot Growers Asociation.
2. Seed potatoes; preparation for planting. Treatment of scab.
3. Should the dairymen of this center organize a cow testing asociation?
4. How should brood sows be cared for at farrowing time?
5. How can the Dooryard sowbug in tomato hot beds be best controlled?
6. How many sprayings should be given to control pear scab?
7. Farm Loan Association.
8. Septic Tanks.
9. Has the Silo a place on the farm in this section?

Under No. 1 Sainsbury Brothers, soliciting agents for lAameda County for the Prune and Apricot Growers Associ questions regarding the association. ation, were present to answer all

As a result of the discussion of No. 8 it was learned that the material for a septic tank large enough for a family of ten could be procured for about $20 Several expressed their intention of building these in the nar futur.

During the discussion of No. 9 it was learned that E. H. Stevenson, director of the Center nad been convinced by the farm adviser that to profitably carry on dairying he must erect silos. eH has decided to build two two-hundred ton concrete silos. These will be erected in the near future.

BIG POTATO MEETING HELD AT CENTERVILLE

Last Saturday night Mr. Eugene Grubb, Potato Culture Expert, who is traveling under the auspices of the Southern Pacific Company, addressed a well attended meeting i nthe Stevenson uBilding This meting was arranged by the Centerville Chamber of Commerce, and the Alameda County Farm Bureau. Potato growers were present from Alvarado, Decoto, Niles Mission San Jose, Irvington, Newark, and Centerville.

Mr. F. T. Hawes, president of the Centerville Chamber of Commerce acted as chairman of the meeting. After reviewing the potato situation in this state, he introduced Farm Adviser Mark M. Lee, as there were many present whom our new farm adviser had not had an opportunity of meeting. The farm adviser gafe a short talk on work that had been done in the past by the farm bureau, and outlined plans for the future. The meting was then turned over to Mr. Grubb, who after a comparison of European and American agricultural methods, gave an illustrated lantern slide lecture on Potato Culture, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

GRAND JURY IS ONCE MORE THRU ITS ANNUAL AGONY

The Alameda County grand jury filed its report last Tuesday after a probe of several weeks and the expenditure of $10,000 of good county cash. The report is something like the decision of the renowned Dutch Governr of New York who investigated a claim of indebtedness by one Dutchman against another. According to Irving, the old governor after carefully counting the leaves in each man's account book and judging carefully of the weight of each book decided after long and serious deliberation that one account balanced the other and decided that the acounts were squared and that the constable should pay the costs of the suit. So our local grand jury has displayed similar acumen in the case of the Peterson pot calling the Jackson kettle black. It has decided in favor of neither and against both and has saddled the costs of an Oakland dirty linen airing upon the whole county of Alameda. The jury did not follow the advice of the Press, however, and recommend its own abolishment. Tom Sawyer's whitewashing exploit was a tame affair compared to this recent achievement of the Oakland politicians. Tom whitewashed, with the help of his friends, only one side of the fence. Distrct Atorney Hynes, wth the help of his jury did twice as well for he whitewashed both sides.

MOVES ON THE WATER QUESTION

The State Water Commission is making its investigation of the controversy between the Alameda County Water District and the Spring Valley Water Co. This investigation will probably continue for another year or two.

The Alameda County Water District has not yet taken action against the East Bay Water Co. It is believed that the company will enter into an agreement with the Water District not to attempt to increase its supply at Alvarado. The company is now attempting to increase its supply by building a large dam at San Pablo.

This week the engineers of the State Railroad Commission are making a three day tour of the Spring Valley properties preliminary to their work of fixing a value on those properties for rate fixing purposes in San Francisco.

The hearing before the Railroad Commission in Oakland for the purpose of making a valuation for rate fixing purposes goes steadily on. Various engineers and water and real estate agents are testifying and the case will go on for weeks.

Property owners in Elmhurst and Fruitvale have brought suit to enjoin the Union Water Company from pumping more water in that section. The East Bay Water Co. has joined in the suit on the part of the small property owners.

San Francisco is pushing ahead her Hetch Hetchy work and may begin work on her main water project this year.

The Public Utilities District Committee of Oakland is at present awaiting the action of the State legislature on certain amendments to the Public Uility District law. After the adjournment of the legislature the committee expects to circulate petitions asking for the formaton of a public utility district comprising Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Piedmont. The Oakland Daily Post is putting up a strong fight for the formation of a district and the sentiment in the East Bay cities seems to be rapdly crystallizing in favor of the movement. Once this district is formed the question of public ownership of a municipal water supply will become one of the leading questions in the county. One of the encouraging features of the situation is that no effort will be made to drain the Washington Township section.

LAW LIBRARY EXPLAINS

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Editor "Washington Press", Dear Sir:

In response to many urgent requests from members of the legal profession having their offices in the County of Alameda and i nthe City and County of San Francisco, the Board of Trustees of the Alameda County Law Library has decided, commencing April 1st, to keep the library open during the following hours:

Each week day from 9 o'clock A.M. until 10 o'clock P.M.

Sundays from 10 o'clock A.M. until 4 o'clock P.M.

This course is only by way of trial and will be in effect for the months of April, May and June. If the three months' experiment proves the wisdom and necessity of keeping the library open during these hours, or during some modification thereof, the arrangement will be made permanent.

By this plan a splendid collection of law books — one of the best working libraries in the State of California,— some forteen thousand volumes in all, will be placed before the profession for continuous use. The rooms will be properly warmed at night and the Court House will be open to those using the Library.

Your Board of Library Trustees desires to co-operate with you in the conduct of the institution and in the use ofthe books and, to that end, asks your consideration of the plans.

Board of Trustees,
Alameda County Law Library,
William H. Waste,
President.

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SRING VALLEY ATTORNEY WRITES

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The editor of the Press is in receeipt of a letter from Mr. Warren Olney, attorney for the Spring Valley Water Co. and also for Mrs. Pheobe Hearst. Its a new experience to us, the first of its kind since we have had the Press. The letter was evidently called forth by our attack on Assembly Bill 1197. As at first introduced it was a vicious measure and had it been allowed to become a law would have placed our water district absolutely under the control of the Board of Supervisors. That means Charley Gale of Pleasanton and his political and business partners Bill Harris and Billy Donahue. Of course we jumped on such a proposition with both feet. To give the control of our district to the men who have always promoted the Spring Valley's interests would have been suicidal. Since Mr. Olney has consented to amend the bill so that the Board of Directors of the District shall remain in control, our main objection to the bill has been removed. But why was it not so framed in the first place? Since the Pleasanton Water District has compromised with the Spring Valley Water Co., its usefulness as a district will not be impaired by the withdrawal of Mrs. Hearst's property from the district. In order to reestablish better relations between Mrs. Hearst and the town of Pleasanton we are sure the Pleasanton Water District Board of Directors will gladly comply with the request. As they have quit fighting they do not need the money which might come from a tax levy on her property.

Mr. Olney's letter and our reply are published herewith as we believe they ought to be:

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March Twenty-second
Nineteen Hundred Seventeen

Mr. Chris. Runckel, Care Washington Press, Niles, California.

Dear Mr. Runckel:

My attentio, has been called to the item in the edition of the Washington Press of March 17th headed "Bill No. 1197" and referring to the Assembly Bill of that number prodiving for an amendment to the County Water District Act, which would incorporate in the act provisions permitting of the exclusion of lands from the county water district in case it should appear that it was for the best interests of the district that he lands should be excluded, or hat the lands would not be benefited in any way by their continued inclusion.

You object to the bill on the ground that it wily permit the withdrawal of any lands from a county water district and, in particular, would permit the withdrawal of lands of the Spring Valley Water Company from the two districts in Alameda County.

I am writing this letter in the hope that I may convince you that neither of these grounds is well taken. In the first place, while the bill was introduced at my request and the firm of which I am a member represents the Spring Valley Water Company, the Spring Valley Water Company has nothing to do with this bill, has never had any interest in it, and, in fact, never knew anything about t untill long after it was introduced, and then it was brought to the attention of its officers only incidentally. In the second place, the bill as it now reads provides that, while lands may be excluded from a county water district if it is for the best interests of the district that they should be so excluded or if they are not benefited in any manner by the district, yet they can be excluded only upon the order of the board of directors of the district itself. In other words, it is the responsible officers of the district and no one else who determine whether or not any particular lands may be excluded from a district after it is once formed. Is not this a complete answer to your objection that this bill may be used as a means of breaking down any county water district, and, in particular, may be used b ythe Spring Valley Water Company as a means of forcing out its lands from the water districts in Alameda County?

So that you may understand the history of the matter I would say that the bill as originally drawn provided for the exclusion of lands upon an order of the board of supervisors of the county in which the water district was situated. It was understood, however, when the bill was introduced, that it would be submitted to the representatives of the two county water districts in Alameda County and put into final form acceptable to them before its passage was urged before the Legislature. This was done. The representatives of the two districts in question objected to the board of supervisors being the body to pass on the matter and at their suggestion its was changed so as to provide for the board of directors doing this. An amendment along this line, including also were suggested, was drawn and submitted to those representatives and they agreed to the bill in this amended form and withdrew any objection to it. It is in this last form, and in no other, that the bill will be presented to the Legislature and its passage asked.

Respectfully,
WARREN OLNEY JR.

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My dear Mr. Olney:

I am in receipt of your leter of the 22nd inst.

I am free to confess that I am unalterably opposed to Assembly Bill No. 1197, as originally drawn. I have not yet seen a copy of the bill as amended and am therefore as yet unable to express an opinion upon it. As you have conferred with Mr. Nourse, our attorneyfi in regard to the amendments and as he has approved them and favors the pasage of the bill as amended, I am taking it for granted, that the County Water District law is being properly protected.

Very truly yours,
CHRIS. RUNCKEL.

S. P. TIME TABLE

	Leave Niles	Arrive Oak. 1st-Bdy.	Arrive S.F.
89	5:45 A.M.	6:35 P.M.	7:10 P.M.
93	6:58 A.M.	7:53 P.M.	8:30 P.M.
91	7:57 A.M.	8:55 P.M.	9:30 P.M.
79	8:55 A.M.	9:33 P.M.	10:10 P.M.
181	1:30 P.M.	2:13 P.M.	2:50 P.M.
31	4:00 P.M.	4:52 P.M.	5:30 P.M.
37	6:14 P.M.	6:57 P.M.	7:30 P.M.
51	8:50 P.M.*	9:28 P.M.	8:50 P.M.

*Saturday and Sunday only.

No.	Lv. S. F.	Lv. Oak. 1st-Bdway.	Ar Niles
557	8:36 P.M.	9:25 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
210	1:20 A.M.	1:57 A.M.	2:44 A.M.
500		4:05 A.M.	4:45 A.M.
90	6:40 A.M.	7:20 A.M.	8:22 A.M.
82	7:20 A.M.	7:51 A.M.	8:40 A.M.
32	10:00 A.M.	10:37 A.M.	11:40 A.M.
504	12:40 P.M.	1:15 P.M.	2:13 P.M.
38	4:00 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	5:15 P.M.
52	4:40 P.M.	5::10 P.M.	5:48 P.M.
80	5:40 P.M.	5:10 P.M.	5:48 P.M.
80	5:00 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	6:14 P.M.
96	5:00 P.M.	5:33 P.M.	6:28 P.M.
182	5:40 P.M.	6:12 P.M.	7:12 P.M.
184	7:40 P.M.*	8:11 P.M.	9:02 P.M.

*Sunday only.

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SAN JOSE BRANCH

	Leave Niles	Ar. San Jose
90	8:25 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
188	11:40 A.M.	12:15 P.M.
94	1:35 P.M.	2:10 P.M.
92	2:20 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
98	4:05 P.M.	4:45 P.M.
96	6:30 P.M.	7:10 P.M.
	Lv. San Jose	Ar. Niles
89	5:15 A.M.	5:45 A.M.
513	6:00 A.M.	6:50 A.M.
91	7:20 A.M.	7:53 A.M.
505	8:30 A.M.	9:10 A.M.
95	12:45 P.M.	1:20 P.M.
97	3:15 P.M.	3:50 P.M.
515	4:10 A.M.	5:00 P.M.

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NEWARK BRANCH

No.	Lv. S. F.	Lv. Oak. 1st-Bdy.	Ar. Newark
502	8:00 A.M.	8:34 A.M.	9:35 A.M.
92	12:40 P.M.	1:11 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
506	6:20 P.M.	6:45 P.M.	7:40 P.M.
No.	Lv. Newark	Av. Oak. 1st.-Bdwy.	Av. S.F.
110	7:40 P.M.	8:22 P.M.	9:19 P.M.
513	7:15 A.M.	8:35 A.M.	9:10 A.M.
17	8:35 A.M.	9:28 A.M.	10:10 A.M.
505	9:35 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	11:10 A.M.
507	4:20 P.M.	5:07 P.M.	5:50 P.M.
515	5:30 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	7:10 P.M.

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DEMOCRACY MARCHES

The Russian Revolution is a child of war, but in the end it may the deciding influence in favor of permanent world peace. To say that there has always been war is only half the truth. The other half is that there have always been kings and aristocracies. If these chronic roysters are hauled down from their perches, as is being done in Russia, war—their source of strength and glory—may come rattling down with them. When one age-old menace to human happiness can be done away with so can the other.

To look into the origins of the present war is to be convinced that it was started by monarchial governments against the will of those in which democracy was master. The immediate aggressor was Austria, an imperial government seeking revenge for the murder of two members of its royal family—a cause of war as personal as any Kentucky fued. Behind Austria stood Germany, another imperial government, and opposed to the two was Russia, a third imperial government. France and Engleand, the most democratic of the European powers, were drawn in against their will. If Austria and Germany had been half as reluctant the war would not have begun. The reason for Germany's eagerness and the reluctance of France lies in the nature of the two governments. By Germany was meant the Kaiser, the landed and moneyed aristocracy, and the leading military and civil officials of the empire. By France was meant the French people. The Kaiser and the ruling class which he represented might reasonably hope to gain by a successful war, but neither the French people nor the people of any other nation could hope to be as rich or happy at the end of a war as at the beginning. War seemed to be for the interests of Germany and Austria only because the welfare of the ruling classes in these two countries was regarded, as it always is under aristocratic governments, as synonymous with the welfare of the country. The fact was that international war had been preserved as a means of advancing the competitive interests of aristocracies long after it had ceased to be anything but disaster to the interests of nations. The inference is that if the world is to be ruled by aristocracies there will continue to be wars, because wars sometimes profit aristocracies, but if it is to be ruled by democracies, wars will soon cease, because wars never profit democracies.

It is, then, the issue between democracy and aristocracy, as well as that between war and peace, that is now being fought out. War and aristocracy; democracy and peace. Such is the choice that humanity must make at this turning point in history. A year ago the decision seemed to be hanging in the balance. Germany, with her modernized feudal system, was everywhere either gaining or holding ground. England, the birthblace of representative government, seemed to be finding no way to beat Germany except by adopting the German system. It began to look as though Germany, even if beaten, would lead her captors captive, and that democracy, as we Americans have thought of it, would be everywhere discredited. But the Russian revolution, if it is able to make a permanent riddance of its reactionaries and at the same time to hold back the German armies, will turn the tide. There are one hundred and seventy-five million people in the Russian mpire. If they become a democracy the kings, emperors, dukes, counts and nobles, down to the smallest fry, may as well throw up the sponge, for their day will be almost over.

Even before the Russian revolt the kings were being weeded thin. China had overthrown her emperor, had discouraged the attempt of a president to start a new dynasty, and was beginning to set up popular institutions on the basis of her ancient individualism. Mexico had rid herself of two virtual kings and was about to begin a new life under a constitution more democratic than that of any other nation of equal size in the world. The Scandinavian countries were republics in everything but name. Portugal was a republic and Spain prevented from becoming one chiefly by the amiability of a harmless young king. Italy's royal house kept the throne by favor and not force. The ruler of Greece had become a figurehead, doomed, if Germany were defated, to fall and be replaced by a perublican president. In England the king had shrunk to a symbol convenient as a focus of loyal sentiment, but with less real power than a traffic policeman; equal suffrage waited only for the end of the war; the House of Lords had declined into a debating society, and the estates of the landed gentry were being brought into the service of the nation, never again to minister to private vanity and selfishness.

Amid this world-wide sweep of democracy the Kaiser stands more and more alone. Does he appeal to Cousin Nicholas? Nicholas is no longer an emperor, but a private citizen with a criminal record. Does he turn to Cousin George? The armed legions of Cousin George are rushing upon the Hindenburg line, resolved to put an end forever to the royal cousin business in Europe. Charles of Austria and Ferdinand of Bulgaria still sit upon their thrones, but without the Kaiser's troops they would not stay. Constantine is practically a prisoner. The Mikado is far away and an enemy besides. Where shall the Kaiser look for comfort? Where once there was an international freemasonry of kings, each representing, over and above his national intrests, the common interests of kingship, there are now only one or two harassed individuals. The holy alliance of the present day is between democracies. Even if the Kaiser looks down at his own suffering people he must see much that affrights him. There are Germans who intend to reckon with their emperor when this war is over. The last free word that the proletarian press of Germany spoke was a threat of revolution—of the coming destruction of "things which, in Germany, are reckoned among the most sacred institutions", of "an innner Jena". Neither the recent rumors of riots and revolts in interior Germany nor the prime minister's voluble promises of reform are to be disregarded. Both may be symptoms that aristocracy is tottering in Germany, and if aristocracy falls there the most powerful influence against the peace of the world wll be extinguished. Free people will not plot wars against one another; will not maintain huge armaments; will submit their quarrels to discussions and arbitration; will not answer like bell boys to electric buttons pressed by weaklings in palaces.

In the lurid smoke, along the horizons of battlefields, the twin figures of liberty and democracy are approaching and their voices can be heard above the thunder or the guns.—The Bulletin.

(Note; The Bulletin with The Washington Press may be had for one year for $4, payable in advance.)

LEGAL ADVERTISING

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON DOING BUSINESS UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:—That I the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am transacting Business in the State of California, under a fictitious name or designation, which does not show the names of the persons interested in such business.

That said business is being transacted in the Town of Niles, County of Alameda, State of California, under the name of ROSE BROTHERS, and is situated on the West side of Main Sstreet, in the building owned by Frank Rose, in said Town of Niles, County of Alameda, State of California.

That the names in full of All persons interested in said busniess are as follows, to-wit:

EDWARD ROSE, whose residence is at Niles, Alameda County, California. And that the said Edward Rose is the only person interested in said business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of March, 1917.

EDWARD ROSE. (SEAL)

State of California,
County of Alameda, ss.

On this 24th day of March in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen before me, Thos. J. Power, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared EDWARD ROSE, known to me to be the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

THOS. J. POWER.
Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.

Filed Mar. 27, 1917.
GEO. E. GROSS, County Clerk.
By JOS. S. RODERICK, Deputy Clerk.

First Publication Mar. 31, 1197.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Copartnership heretofore existing between GEORGE ROSE and EDWARD ROSE under the firm name and style of ROSE BROTHERS, doing a general Garage business at the Town of Niles, County of Alameda, State oi California, is hereby disolved by mutual consent, the said George Rose having withdrawn from the Firm. The said Edward Rose having purchased his interest therein. All persons who are indebted to said Copartnership are requested to make payments to Edward Rose who will continue to carry on and conduct said Garage Business at the same place, under the name and style of Rose Brothers. The said Edward Rose is to assume and pay all legal claims and debts due from said Firm.

Dated March 21st, 1917.
GEORGE ROSE.
EDWARD ROSE.

First publication March 31, 1917.

No. 22485.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Oliver, who was also known as Jose de Oleveira Conde, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the last will and testament of the above named deceased, to all persons having claims against said deceased to, within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda or exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., at Centerville, Alameda County, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

JOHN OLIVER,
Executor of the last Will and Testament of Joseph Oliver, who was also known as Jose de Oleveira Conde, deceased.

Dated March 17, 1917.
Jno. G. Mattos, Jr.
Attorney for executor,
Centerville, California.
Date of first publication, Mar. 17, 1917.

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DECOTO

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The Congregational Sunday school of Decoto was reorganized last Sunday with Wm. Catterlin as Superintendent, Miss Gertrude May as Assistant Superintendent, MissVirtoria Palmer as Treasurer and Miss Fanny Higgins as secretary. Fourteen members were enrolled and it is believd at least a dozen more will soon join the school. Mr. Wm. Catterlin has made quite a success with Sunday School work in the past and there is every reason to believe that the Decoto Sunday School under his leadership will be a very successful one.

School will be closed next week on account of teachers institute. The attendance at school has again reached a good figure after the recentepidemic of measels.

Fred Meyer Jr. of Oakland visited his cousin Henry May Jr. this week.

Shipments of cauliflower by Wells Fargo and Co. have ben one of the features at Decoto this week.

Mrs. H. C. Searles entertained a number of friends at a most delightful dinner party last Wednesday afternoon.

In spite of the prevailing high prices for feed the Victor Incubator Company has enjoyed a very good trade in Victor brooders and incubators, the Victor brooder has been particularly in good demand.

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CANDIDATE FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Upon the request of friends I wish to announce myself as candidate for re-election as trustee of Washington High School at the election to be held April 6th, 1917.

HENRY MAY.

CANDIDATE FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Upon the request of friends, I wish to announce myself as candidate for re-election as trustee of Washington Union High school at the election to be held April 6th, 1917.

A. T. BIDDLE.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Tuesday, April 10, 1917, in the Fire House, between the hours of 1 p. m., and 6 p. m., for the purpose of electing 3 (three) Fire Marshalls to serve until their successors shall have been elected.

ELECTION OFFICERS:

Mrs. P. A. Ellis, Judge.
Miss Margaret Lynch, Inspector.
Mrs. Rose Fournier, Clerk.

THE NILES FIRE DISTRICT:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the main county road from Niles to Hayward (County Road No. 1762) with a direct production Northerly of the line dividing the lands of J. C. and M. W. Shinn from the lands of Thomas J. Sullivan, and running thence Southerly along said production and along said line dividing the land of Shinn from the lands of Sullivan to the Northerly line of Second Street, as said Second Street is delineated and so designated on that certain map entitled 'School Tract, Niles, Washington Tp., Alameda Co., Cal.,' etc., and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, Cal., June 18, 1912; thence Westerly along said Northerly line of Second Street to a point in a direct production on Northerly of the Westerly line of School Street, as said School Sereet is delineated and so designated on said map School Tract; thence, Southerly along last said production and along said Westerly line of School Street to the Southeasterly line of said School Tract, said line being also the Northwesterly line of the lands of J. C. and M. W. Shinn; thence, Northeasterly, Easterly and Southerly along said Northwesterly line and along the Northerly and Easterly lines of said lands of Shinn to the center line of Alameda Creek; thence, in a general Northeasterly direction up the center of Alameda Creek to a point in a direct production Southerly of the Westerly line of Niles Glen Tract, as said Niles Glen Tract is delineated and is so designated on certain map entitled "Map of the Niles Glen Tract, Niles, Washington Twp., Alameda Co., Calif.," etc., and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, October 19, 1908; thence, Northerly along last said production and along said Westerly line of Niles Glen Tract and along a direct production Northerly thereof to the Northerly line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway; thence, Southwesterly along said right of way line to the center line of the county road from Niles to Hayward, said county road being the county road which lies Northerly from and adjacent to the Ford Tract, as said Ford Tract is delineated and so designated on that certain map entitled "Ford Tract, Niles, Alameda County, California," etc., and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, April 21, 1900; thence, Westerly along the center of said county road to the point of beginning.

Said Fire District to be known as the Niles Fire District.

BY ORDER OF NILES FIRE DISTRICT MARSHALS.

LODGE MEETINGS

NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday evening at Niles

L. A. FRONTZ, N. G.
FRED MITTE, V. G.
P. A. ELLIS, Secretary
W. R. JOLLIFF, Treas.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W.—Meets every second and Fourth Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.

J. F. ROSE, Con. Com.
JOS. SOITO, Adv.
M. H. LEWIS, Clerk.
M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M. Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1917: Saturday evening, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 28, September 1, September 29, October 27, November 24, December 22.

J. B. CHAMBERLAIN, W. M.
A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

NATIVES GIVE SOCIAL DANCE

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The Native Sons of Niles Parlor, No. 250, are givng a socal dance on the evenng of Saturday, April 21st. The dance is t be given in Connors Hall and ought to attract quite a number odf the younger set in the township. The committee of arrangements consisting of Lee Stivers, Geo. Bonde, Ben Murphy, Jack Alberg, of Niles; W. W. Hirsch, of Irvington; and J. E. Rogers of Mission San Jose; has secured Sykes Orchestra for the evening and is busy preparing for a most enjoyable affair. Tickets are on sale for fifty cents to gentlemen, and ladies will be admitted free.

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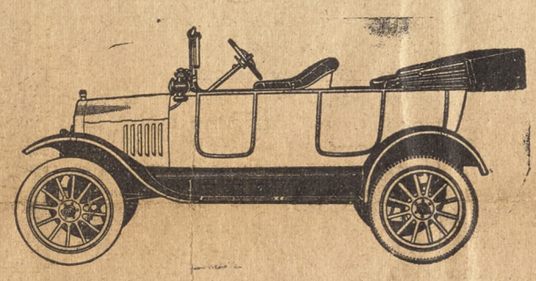

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NILES

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On Tuesday morning last, Mrs. Chittenden, Miss Edna Sharpe and her friend from Oakland, Mrs. Ament, left Niles for Santa Barbara, which, for Edna, was to be a most eventful journey for at the end of it her marriage was to take place.

Her relatives and friends who congregated at the station to see her off numbered about twenty and they not only bestowed upon her their blessings and good wishes but showered her with rice, decorated her baggage with old shoes etc., that she might receive all the good luck which it is said such stunts will bring to their recipient.

One of the carriages left Belvoir with a cow bell fastened to the rear end of the machine but, unrortunately, it was soon lost off so no wedding bell was heard at the station but whether or not the wedding which—as programmed— was to be solemnized on Wednesday was announced by the ringing of bells, it is unanimously agreed that the contracting parties thereto are two most worthy young people and every one who knows them offers congratulations and good wishes.

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Prominent among the members of the party which met at the station Tuesday morning to say good bya to Miss Edna Sharpe was her handsome Collie, Tip, and that he understood what the crowd was there for better than any one supposed was evidenced by his behavior the next Wednesday morning when he was again at the station with Miss Florence Sharpe.

While the train waited he boarded a car and lay down inside. The brakeman soon called, "The owner of this dog will please come and take him off, —the train is about to move". Miss Florence entered the car and with him out and down the steps but immediately entered the next car from which he could not be coaxed or driven and had to be carried out bodily. Eveidently he remembered that Edna went away in a railroad car and thot that if he could leave town in the same way he would be taken to her.

After he returned to the Hotel he did not bark and play as usual but went soberly apparently hunting for Edna and whimpered because he could not find her.

"Old dog Tray is ever faithful
Grief cannot drive him away
He's gentle and he's kind; I'll never never find
A better friend than old dog Tray."

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Dr. A. Sontheimer and Miss McQueen of Oakland were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Duffey Sunday.

Miss Marie Sharpe was home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Niel Alberg spent Sunday in Oakland.

Mr. Park Musselman, an old Niles resident, visited Mr. Catterlin in Niles last week.

Miss Edna Sharpe left Tuesday for Bakersfield acompanied by her grandmother Mrs. Chittenden to become Mrs. Raymond Ingram.

Mrs. Maud Jacobus Hurley and son of Oakland are visiting this week with Mrs. J. E. Jacobus at the family home.

During the present school vacation Miss Smith, one of the teachers who belongs to the Belvoir family has gone to northern California to visit her sister Mrs. Dan Baldwin.

The concert given last Friday evening by five or six graduates from the Oakland Conservatory of Music was well attended and gave much satisfaction—financialy and otherwise. About $18 was taken in at the door—$2 deducted for expenses—$16 to be divided equally between the church garden Fund and the Gymnasium Fund. The thanks of our community are due the Oakland musicians.

While Miss Smith, one of our grammar school teachers was ill recently Mrs. Hyatt substituted for her. Mrs. Hyatt was formerly a teacher in the High School in Elsinore, southern California.

Miss Doris Jacobus is spending her two weeks vacation from Hospital duties in Oakland, with her parents in Niles.

Mrs. Hatch of Niles Glen enjoyed a short visit last week from her son Mr. Roger K. Hatch of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Eberly is entertaining her mother Mrs. Kelly and her aunt Miss Benson from their home in San Jose.

Mrs. Hudson's daughters, Mrs. Newman of Oakland and Mrs. Barnicott of Newcastle will remain with her for a couple of weeks.

Miss Ruth Windrom visited her grandmother, Mrs. Youngman, Sunday.

Albert Oliver Junior and Harold Noack of Oakland are spending their vacation days with Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth.

Miss Harriet Parsons of Oakland visited with her father Mr. Charles Parsons last week, who has a position at the Decoto Brick works, but makes his home in Niles.

Pupils of the Niles school are happy to have two weeks vacation from study. Next week will be Institute week for the teachers.

Mr. Glendenning the new Division Road Superintendent for the railroad company is occupying the house lately vacated by the Oakeshotts. Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Roland formerly in charge of the section men ahve been transferred—the latter to Redwood City.

Mr. Nate Jones, C. E., is again "on the job" in Washington Township and is a guest at Belvoir for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneden, Mrs. Walpert, and Mrs. Rutherford motored to Fruitvale recently for a short visit with the Oakeshotts.

Mrs. McCarthy formerly of Alvarado acompanied by her daughter is visiting this week with her daughter, Mrs. Rutherford.

The Ladies Guild of the Niles Congregational Church will gladly receive donations of old papers, pamphlets or magazines. Please leave bundles at side entrance to the church and they will be cared for.

Mrs. Alexander Booras entertained a number of friends last Thursday week, the occassion being the first anniversary of the brthday of her son, James Alevander. Among those present were Mesdames A. A. Lee, J. Smth and Sorensen, of Hayward, and A. B Hill and Moniz of Niles.

ALVARADO

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Mr. C. F. Fleenor, formerly foreman at the Sugar factory has moved to Tracy where he and Mrs. Fleenor will stay during the erection of the new mill there. The children will be left in Modesto with relatives because of the scarcity of houses in Tracy.

The Alameda County C. E. Convention held in Brookryn Presbyterian Church, Oakland, was attended by seven of the local members.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Youngblood bid their friends goodby last Wednesday when they left for Long Beach by auto. They will live on the ranch of Mr. Youngblood's father, who died recently.

Mr. J. McCoy Williams of the Alameda Sugar Co. reports 11,000 acres of beets contracted for for the coming year. This is by far the largest acreage ever contracted by the local factory.

Mr. N. Bailhoche has been on the sick list during the past week.

No. of Bank 634.

Report of Condition
— OF THE —
Bank of Alameda County

At Alvarado, California and its Branches at Irvington and Niles as of the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917.

This report includes the business of all branch offices.

Resources	Commercial	Savings	Combined
Loans and Discounts	$181,298.12	$416,242.00	$ 597,540.12
Bonds, Warrants and Other Securities	73,155.20	55,167.00	128,322.20
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures		22,500.00	22,500.00
Other Real Estate Owned	1,000.00		1,000.00
Due from Reserve Banks	111,188.54	152,219.99	263,408.53
Actual Cash on Hand	27,309.46	17,768.36	45,077.82
TOTAL	$393,951.32	$663,897.35	$1,057,848.67

Liabilities	Commercial	Savings	Combined
Capital Stock paid in	$ 40,000.00	$ 60,000.00	$ 100,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00		5,000.00
Undivided Profits, Less Expenses and Taxes paid	4,575.50		4,575.50
Other Existing Profits Collected, but not in Undivided Profits Account	3,956.46	50.58	4,007.04
Individual Deposits subject to check	303,324.10		303,324.10
Savings Deposits		232,037.63	232,037.63
Time Certificates of Deposit		371,809.14	371,809.14
Cashier's Checks	1,730,00		1,730.00
State, County and Municipal Deposits	35,000.00		35,000.00
Postal Savings Deposits	365.26		365.26
TOTAL	$393,951.32	$663,897.35	$1,057,848.67

State of California,
County of Alameda, ss.

August May, President, and J. R. Blacow, Secretary (Cashier) of The Bank of Alameda County, being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal konwledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report of condition and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

AUGUST MAY, President.
J. R. BLACOW, Secretary and Cashier.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 14th day of March, 1917.

(SEAL) CHRISTENA M. ANDERSON,
Notary Public in and for said County of Alameda, State of California.

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NEWARK

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The Newark Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting Tuesday evening and discussed, among other matters, the proposed reopening of the Middleton foundry. Considerable interest is being shown in the organization this year. There are now about forty live members, including a few of the gentler sex, and the Chamber of Commerce is taking up many important matters.

Dr. and Mrs. James Curry attended the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Oakland Presbtyerian Society Thursday and Friday of this week at the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland. The meeting was the silver anniversary of the society, as well as the occasion for its "wedding" with the San Francisco society. Dr. Currry was invited to speak Thursday noon on the subject, "The Fathers and Brethren", in which he outlined the early history of the Presbytery of which he is the only charter member now preaching, there being but one other charter member living. Mrs. Curry was for a number of years an officer of the Presbyterial Society while a resident of Oakland.

The play "Jack and the Beanstalk" is to be presented at the grammar school auditorium at Saturday eve-

Trains 505 and 502 were forced to go to Oakland via Niles Monday morning on account of the wrock of a couple of frienght cars just below Alvarardo.

IRVINGTON

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The young people of Irvington are giving a dance April 2st for the benefit of the safety station that is to be put up in town. A temporary sign, advising drivers to "keep to the right" has been put up until the station is completed.

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J. W. Hafner was an Oakland visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. M. E. Bole spent Saturday in San Francisco and Sunday in San Jose.

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This space is reserved for the live professional and business men of Washington Township — those who are interested in seeing it grow, and who believe that one of the necessities of a growing community is a live local newspaper.

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CENTERVILLE

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At East Bay Sanitarium, Oakland. To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bunting, a son; March 27.

Vacation for the High School this week was much appreciated by pupils and teachers.

The United Artisans had a large gathering Thursday evening. After the business was over games proved the amusement furnished by the reception committee for the members. In one a clothespin contest, won by Mrs. F. Hurd, a basket was given tied with green ribbon. It was carefully opened; inside rested a large beautiful potato! Mrs. Justus Overacker received the booby prize—a basket containing some pickles. Later on a march was played and all marched through the anterooms where they found baskets and cups of coffee. Each took one, marched back and grouped themselves around enjoying a delicious repast. The next evening is to be Dutch cotsume and Dutch whist.

The friends of Mrs. Borst wil regret to hear that her trip to San Francisco was marred by an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. She is beter and expects to return to Coalinga the last of the week.

Holy Week services will be carried out in full at the Catholic Church. Thursday and Frday afternoon there will be two sermons—one in Portuguese by Father Souza. On Friday the ceremony of the Procession of Our Lord Carrying the Cross will be conducted. For Easter Sunday there will be special music by a choir of Centerville young people at the 10:30 mass.

No definite date has been announced as yet for the play, "The Private Secretary", which is to be given by the Centerville Catholic rDamatic Society. The play is being rehersed under the direction of Father S. F. Barron and is expected to be as successful as "The Toastmaster" and "Box and Cox". The date will be announced shortly.